

King County Office of Emergency Management Podcasts

Disasters: Are you ready?

Fusion Centers

- New term out there
- Words--They come and go
- People sprinkle them into their speeches and talk to show how smart they are.
- There was paradigm, bifurcate, and now fusion center
- This is the latest buzz word Fusion Center—sounds cool doesn't it!
- If your hip and you are into homeland security you've gotta be using this term
- A Fusion Center is a physical location where information is collected and then assembled to create a picture of what is going on
- Started being used for centers that collect and analyze intelligence
- Now being expanded to mean anywhere information is gathered and coordinated.
- If you were seeking funding for a new facility—using the term “Fusion Center” to describe it would be a wise decision, since it would show how “with it” you are how important your new facility might be, and who wouldn't want to fund a “Fusion Center.”
- I've even started hearing EOC's described as fusion centers
- I've heard people call our own facility a fusion center
- Our facility could be renamed the Regional Communications Emergency Coordination Fusion Unity Center –But then the abbreviation just wouldn't work
- A new Coast Guard facility has been described as a “Fusion Center”
- It is early—but I can tell you that the words “Fusion Center” are well on their way to being overused
- I guess one question I have is what about a “Cold Fusion Center?”
- If you recall there were these scientists who said they had developed Cold Fusion.

- What would a Cold Fusion Center look like, or, would it just be, “Well you know” Cold.
- How cold would it have to be in order to be called a “Cold Fusion Center?” 60 degrees, 32 degrees, or how about sub zero?
- What will the impact of global warming be to Cold Fusion Centers?
- I know, let’s start calling our refrigerators, “Cold Fusion Centers”
- It is where groceries merge into one place and then come out as meals
- In that case my cold fusion center would be produce mostly TV dinners
- I think keeping to places that look at intelligence and try to make heads or tails of it should be the ones who call themselves fusion centers.
- It time for me to end this pardyme of a Podcast on fusion centers and bifurcate this place!